

# Deborah Bilitski

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## Experience

AUGUST 2019 – PRESENT

**President/Executive Director | Waterfront Park | Louisville, Kentucky**

Manage and direct Waterfront Park operations, maintenance, planning and construction, event production, fundraising, budgeting, personnel, strategic planning, and Belle of Louisville Riverboats operations.

JANUARY 2018 – JULY 2019

**Vice President/Deputy Director | Waterfront Park | Louisville, Kentucky**

Provided primary support to the President/Executive Director. Served as Waterfront Review Overlay Administrator, overseeing all development activities on property surrounding Waterfront Park.

APRIL 2016 – DECEMBER 2017

**Director of Develop Louisville | Louisville Metro Government | Louisville, Kentucky**

Directed seven divisions of Louisville Metro Government responsible for land development activities, including planning and zoning, vacant properties, advanced planning, housing and community development, redevelopment, public art, and sustainability.

APRIL 2015 – APRIL 2016

**Assistant County Attorney | Jefferson County Attorney's Office | Louisville, Kentucky**

Provided legal representation to Louisville Metro Council, Mayor's Office, and various agencies and departments of Louisville Metro Government.

JUNE 2006 – APRIL 2015

**Partner | Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs | Louisville, Kentucky**

Real Estate and Lending Service Team Leader, May 2012 – April 2015. Represented developers, businesses, and property owners in securing land use and development approvals; handled land use litigation and appeals in court. Provided primary support to the President/Executive Director. Served as Waterfront Review Overlay Administrator, overseeing all development activities on property surrounding Waterfront Park.

JULY 1997 – JUNE 2006

**Assistant County Attorney | Jefferson County Attorney's Office | Louisville, Kentucky**

Represented Louisville Metro Planning Commission and Louisville Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment and litigated zoning and land use appeals in court. Advised Louisville Metro elected officials, boards, agencies, and departments on land use-related matters.

## Education

MAY 1995

**Juris Doctor | University of Louisville School of Law | Louisville, Kentucky**

MAY 1992

**Bachelor of Arts | University of Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

## Community Involvement

Louisville Redevelopment Authority | Board of Directors | 2018 – present (Chair 2020 – present)

Downtown Development Corporation | Board of Directors | 2019 – present

## Bar Admissions

Kentucky Bar | admitted October 1995

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky | admitted February 1996

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit | admitted March 1998

Florida Bar | admitted June 2001 (inactive status)

## Honors and Recognitions

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent® rating

Kentucky Super Lawyers, Top 25 Women Kentucky Super Lawyers

Woodward/White's The Best Lawyers in America® | Land Use & Zoning Law and Litigation | Land Use & Zoning

Chambers and Partners USA leading (Band 1) attorney | Land Use and Zoning Law

Louisville Magazine, recognized as a "Top Lawyer" | Land Use & Zoning Law

Louisville Business First's Forty Under Forty